



Module 3 Backyards

Topic: Cultural variations in function of a backyard	Grade Level: Grade 8	Time: 2 class period of 40-50 minutes
<p>Minnesota State Standards: Geospatial Skills 8.3.1.2.1 - Students will formulate questions about topics in geography, pose possible answers; use geospatial technology to analyze problems and make decisions within a spatial context.</p> <p>ELA-Literacy: SL.8.1c - Pose questions and connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to other's questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.</p>		
<p>Lesson Goal: Students will explain how geography affects the size and function of an individual's backyard.</p>		
<p>Lesson Objectives: Student will:</p> <p>Discuss the functions of backyards illustrated in the DVD Windows and Mirrors-Africa.</p> <p>Explain how geography affects the size and function of an individual's backyard.</p> <p>Create a poster that compares and contrasts the way backyards are used in various parts of Africa as well as in their own country and/or hometown.</p> <p>Explain how a backyard can be an extension of a family's living space.</p> <p>Explain how privacy is affected by the size of an individual's backyard.</p>		
<p>Materials Needed: Poster Board Atlas and Maps <i>Windows and Mirrors</i> DVD Computers with Internet access. Presentation Software Printer</p>		<p>Vocabulary: Backyard Comparison and contrast Functions Privacy</p>

Windows & Mirrors-Africa-DVD Study Guide

Lesson 1: 20 minutes:	Large Group – Discuss how students use their own backyard including: What activities are performed there? How is the backyard an extension of their living space? How big is their backyard? How does geography affect the way their backyard is used? Is their backyard private?
5 minutes:	Students will view the Backyards module on the <i>Windows and Mirrors-Africa</i> DVD.
15 minutes:	Large Group – Students will compare and contrast the way backyards are used in the DVD with their own experience.
Lesson 2: 40 minutes:	Students will create and explain a poster that compares and contrasts the way their backyard is used and the way it is used in the DVD.
10 minutes:	Large group discussion for questions and answers from students.